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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 14th, 1893.

ALTHOUGH there are some statements in the

leading from the N. O. Herald (elsewhere re-

produced) on the political isolation of China

which we cannot endorse, it gives, in the

main, a very fair idea of the present position

of the Central Kingdom in relation to foreign

Powers. The foreign policy of the Govern-

ment of Peking has for some years been in-

creasingly anti-foreign and calculated to

estrangle the sympathies of Western States.

The Chinese Government had, up to a very

recent date, systematically accepted tribute

from various surrounding countries, for

centuries regarded as tributary states to the

Dragon Throne, but when foreign Powers at-

tacked or interfered with these tributaries the

mandarins simply looked on, or professed ad-

miration, as in the case of Korea in 1875, to make

the best terms possible and submit. In 1880,

they developed a new policy and determined

not to give up Kuldja to Russia. Finding this

change of front unsuccessful with Russia, the

Tung-ti Yamen grew bolder, and when a re-

volution in Korea, which led to the attack

on the Japanese Legation at Seoul, occurred

and rendered a collision with Japan pro-

bable, the Chinese despatched an expedition

to Korea, took the Dui In Yuen prisoner and

carried him off to China. The action then

adopted was, in fact, tantamount to an

assertion of sovereign rights by the Em-

peror of China over the peninsula. Korea,

an act utterly at variance with Chinese

policy in the past, and sure to be regarded as

a step taken to counteract Japanese influence

and show foreigners that Korea was prac-

tically ruled from Peking. When the

French avowed their intention of occupy-

ing Tonquin, the Peking Authorities

promptly, as we have seen, urged their

claim to suzerainty over Annam, with

the result in this case that a war between

France and China is imminent. Mean-

while, other Treaty Powers have been

slighted and offended by the constant

violation of the treaties by the Chinese officials,

and the determination, lately avowed, of

the Viceroy of the Liang Kiang to put down

all industries owned or controlled by foreigners

in the Treaty ports has still further ex-

acerbated the worried foreigners. Hence it

comes to pass that in the present difficult

China has no friends. There is no feeling

of hostility to the Chinese as a people; the

commercial relations subsisting between Chinese

and foreign merchants is on a most

friendly basis; but the officials as a body

have betrayed a spirit of bitter aversion and

opposition to foreigners, which cannot be

misinterpreted. It is most unfortunate that

the control of political affairs in China should

be vested entirely in the hands of a class

deeply imbued with unreasoning prejudices,

heredity of the suicidal nature of the course

they are treading, and blind to the material

interests of the people. They are prepared

to squander vast sums in useless armaments,

which in a contest with a great European

Power they would be pretty sure to lose,

but they will not make roads or railways,

deepen canals, or strengthen the embank-

ments of rivers. And in instances they never

fail to take good toll of the money that is

collected for Imperial purposes. Corruption

abounds on all hands, and the people are

the sufferers. They have been very patient,

very long-suffering, but should China try

conclusions with France, the secret societies

will require close attention, or some fresh

mysterious insurrection will burst into sud-

den flame in the Empire. It is more than

doubtful whether, in such a case, England

would be willing to interpose to save the

Ta-tsing Dynasty. This has been done once,

with what result is known to all residents

in China. The gratitude displayed by the

mandarins for the service then rendered has

been conspicuous by its absence; the main

object of official policy apparently being to

render foreign trade and enterprise in China

presumptive.

H.M. gunboat Espoir, Commander Gamble,

left here yesterday for Amoy.

Telegrams for Bangkok can go forward by

mail closing at Singapore at 3 p.m. to-day, the

14th inst.

We are requested to state that after Thurs-

day, June 14th, the H.M. gunboat Espoir will

be on duty at Government House during the

summer.

The Arcadia (Messrs. Melchers & Co.) inform

us that the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer

Medea, from Trieste, left Singapore on Tues-

day afternoon for this port.

P. O. Zwart, the chief of the mounted police,

and mounted constable of His Excellency the

Governor, was yesterday brought before Mr.

Whelan on a charge of stealing by the value

of 80 dollars belonging to the Government. At

the desire of the defendant the case was re-

manded, no evidence being taken.

When a high Chinese official visits any place

on government business, it is understood that

the local authorities are to attend to his wishes

as far as possible, and to do so with the least

trouble. Such is the case (the Daily Press

tells us) in regard to the stay of Li Hsi-

Shangchi. But His Excellency has magnani-

mously told the Chinese that he will not want

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